THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, New Delhi had organized the Workshop on 'The Role of Biotechnology in Agriculture" on 27th October, 2003. No recommendations were received by the Department of Agricultural Research and Education, Government of India. The National Agricultural Research System of the country is already addressing most of the concerns highlighted in the press reports about the workshop.

Production of fruits and vegetables in Uttaranchal

† 369. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any specific scheme for increasing the production of fruits including apples grown in the moderate climate has been formulated for Uttaranchal; and

(b) if so, the types of assistance proposed to be provided by Government to the State, in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The Government of India has extended a Centrally-sponsored Scheme "Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in the "North Eastern States" to Uttaranchal during the year 2003-04. The Mission would address all the aspects of horticulture development in the State with an end-to-end approach for increasing the production of fruits including apples.

(b) Under the scheme, assistance will be provided, *inter alia* for production of planting materials, area expansion transfer of technology, training, frontline demonstration, popularization of organic farming, promotion of integrated pest management, establishment of plant health clinics and tissue/leaf analysis laboratory.

Use of gas by urea producing units

† 370. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Win the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.